

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 13 January 2005. Responsive to the rejection made in the Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to correct the language thereof.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner indicated that the phrase “annular spare tire” and “spare tire blocks” was confusing, as it was unclear how it related to the previously recited “two annular spare tires” and “plurality of spare tire blocks”, respectively.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the language thereof. The recitation of “annular spare tire” has been amended to -- each annular spare tire -- and the recitation of “spare tire blocks” has been amended to -- each spare tire block -- in one case, and -- said plurality of spare tire blocks -- in a second occurrence. Thus, it is now believed that the claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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